

RESOLUTION NO. 20170413-024

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement established that a foundation of Austin's livability is the presence of economically mixed and diverse neighborhoods across all parts of the city having a range of affordable housing options; and

WHEREAS, Austin is currently facing a serious housing shortage, including a shortage of 48,000 deeply affordable rental units; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan notes that between 2002 and 2012 median housing costs in Austin rose 85% while household incomes grew at a much lower rate; and

WHEREAS, successfully addressing a challenge as significant as housing in Austin requires a clear vision, aligned direction, focused resources and coordinated effort; and

WHEREAS, the first ever Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint will provide the critically important foundation to articulate the vision and achieve success; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint is both aspirational and goal oriented; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to have clear, specific steps, including identified resources necessary to achieve the specific goals; **NOW**,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council directs the City Manager to develop a detailed, multi-year action plan to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint to include, but not be limited to, the following (Implementation Plan):

- Specific action steps which state the parties responsible for successfully executing the step, the due date for completion, the goal each step is designed to achieve, and the measure for successful completion
- Priorities for goals, action steps, and resources
- Process and timeline for reporting progress to City Council, including reporting progress on the metrics for measuring success on Plan goals
- Resource needs (including funding) for plan implementation
- Potential source(s) of funding and other necessary resources

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

In establishing a multi-year Implementation Plan, the City Manager is directed to develop a detailed plan for the initial two years with a higher level plan for the remaining eight years. On an annual basis, the City Manager must update the Implementation Plan with a specific, detailed plan to be developed for each subsequent two year period, including mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating success, necessary funding and resources. The update of the Implementation Plan will align with the annual end of year reporting as laid out in the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

In developing the Implementation Plan action steps, the City Manager is directed to reflect collaboration with the City of Austin Departments and Plans, such as 2016 Mobility bonds, CodeNext, the Strategic Mobility Plan, the Age Friendly Master Plan, and the Institutional Racism Task Force, as well as collaboration with other community agencies and plans such as CapMetro Connections 2025. To facilitate this collaboration the City Manager is directed to create an interdepartmental action team comprised of transit, planning, housing, transportation, economic development, code, financial, legal expertise, Equity Office, and other expertise as required for implementation of the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

In developing the Implementation Plan, the City Manager is directed to consider refining and developing the Housing Plan goals:

- (1) To prevent displacement in corridors, refine the geographic goals for non-market housing (including affordable housing, subsidized housing, and income restricted housing) related to corridors and centers, and draw on data from The University of Texas Corridor Housing Preservation Tool to assess existing housing stock, preservation opportunities, and benefits to low-income individuals; and
- (2) Refine goals for council districts and/or master planned districts to propose incorporation of affordable housing and housing types not currently present in these areas and make recommendations for how the goals will be implemented, recognizing where affordable housing currently exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

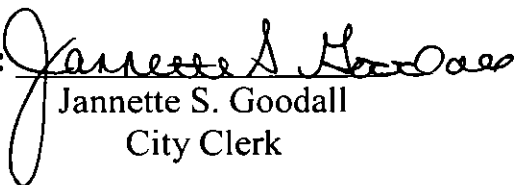
In developing the Implementation Plan, the City Manager is directed to consider developing an atlas of existing and historical conditions on key issues to provide a context for assessing Housing Plan policy proposals, the atlas to include but not be limited to:

- (1) Housing conditions;
- (2) Infrastructure (with specific attention to impervious cover and flooding conditions);
- (3) Transportation services; and
- (4) School quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to present the proposed Implementation Plan for the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint to the City Council upon completion of each directive or no later than October 31, 2017.

ADOPTED: April 13, 2017

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk